



**NJ DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY
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**Notification and Response Policy
State Fire Investigation / K-9 Unit**

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.3(a)25, the State Fire Marshal / Fire Official shall investigate, or cause to be investigated, ***EVERY reported fire or explosion occurring within the jurisdiction of the State's Local Enforcing Agency (LEA)*** to determine the origin and cause of said fire or explosion. The investigation shall be initiated ***IMMEDIATELY*** upon the occurrence of such fire or explosion. As such, the Division of Fire Safety / State Fire Marshal's Office *shall be notified at the time of the following incidents:*

- **Any** fire or explosion in a **State LEA municipality**.
- **Any** fire or explosion within a **state building** or occurring on **state property**.
- **Any** incident which results in a **serious injury or fatality to a firefighter**.
(*FF admitted to a Hospital*)
- **Any** fire or explosion in which the established investigative agency needs technical assistance.

In situations where the the NJDFS is the LEA, as in those listed above, the State Fire Investigation Unit will be the primary agency conducting the fire origin and cause investigations. This Unit operates within the framework of a team concept, and the NJDFS may operate along with the NJ State Police Arson / Bomb Unit as deemed necessary.

**The 24-Hour Dispatch Number is:
1-877-NJFIRES
(1-877-653-4737)**

Any questions or comments regarding this matter can be referred to the NJDFS office at (609) 633-6070 or to the unit supervisor at 609-475-5318. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.